

# Civic Committee Meeting Minutes

## February 1, 2011

### **Present**

Committee Members: Tom Wheeler, Mick Fitzharris, Valerie Hutchinson, Ed Rohrbach  
Town Secretary: Elaine Hickey

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM.

Minutes from the 1/4/2011 meeting were approved as presented.

### **Signs**

On Saturday, 1/8, the committee members met and painted the extra street signs that had been in storage in the Spring House. In addition to painting they also attached reflective beads to make them easier to read at night. The signs are now in the process of being hung. Seth Baker has been hired to do that job but has been slowed due to the snow and icy weather conditions. These newly painted signs represent only about 25% of the Town street signs. The remaining signs will have to be taken down, painted and re-hung. This will have to be done expeditiously since the signs cannot be down for any length of time. The committee will wait until the accumulated snow is gone and the weather improves in order to continue with this phase of the project.

### **Trees**

The trees that fell across Milky Way have been removed by the leaseholder.

### **1910 Orleans Rd.**

The Trustees sent the committee a copy of a recent survey of 1910 Orleans Rd. The survey was performed because the leaseholder is transferring the leasehold to her trust account. The survey shows that the property's fence extends 0.6 ft. into the ROW. The committee agreed that the fence needs to be moved to within the property line.

### **Budget**

The Budget Committee has requested Civic's projected 3-yr. budget by Feb. 20. There was discussion about whether or not to think about big projects that need to be addressed or even the possibility of a huge increase in inflation in the coming years. This would mean projecting a little more in the budget than usual and continuing along with the status quo of maintenance and repair on streets, trees, etc. It was decided to now submit the usual 3% increase on each year for the next three years and to discuss later any increases that could be revised next year.

For the current budget, the committee has approximately \$4000 left until the end of this fiscal year (3/25/11).

### **Fire Hydrants**

Mick commented that the fire hydrant in front of his house does not appear on the fire hydrant map.

Tom contacted United Water and asked them about placing markers on our fire hydrants during the winter months so that they can be located when they are surrounded by and covered with snow. UW said they would contact the Fire Marshall to find out what markers the Fire Co. approves.

**Next meeting** – Tuesday, March 1, 7:00 PM, BWVC

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Hickey  
Secretary, Village of Arden